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Hollie, 11, excited at getting new feet



Ash Sharma with Hollie and Teresa Linguard

AN 11-year-old meningitis victim is battling back after her fingers and toes had to be amputated.

Hollie Linguard, aged 11, of Kidderminster, is looking forward to getting a new pair of feet – and to wear sandals for the first time.

Hollie was just 18 months old when the disease struck and she developed septicaemia.

Her mother Teresa, of Sion Hill, Kidderminster, said: "Hollie has been so strong."

She has had 29 operations and now she is to get prosthetic feet in about six weeks. Teresa said: "She will be able to wear sandals for the first time, and then she probably won't need to go back to hospital until she is 16 or 17."

Ash and Indra Sharma, who run the Broadwaters Wine Cellar shop in Stourbridge Road, were so touched by Hollie's plight that they have raised £2,000 for Meningitis UK's "Search 4 a Vaccine" campaign.

Police probe fatal crash

A MOTORCYCLIST who died in a crash with a 4x4 was a man in his 20s from the Stourport area.

The crash was on the A451 on the Great Witley side of Dunley, at around 5.15pm last Friday. The Yamaha collided with a grey Land Rover Discovery. The rider has not yet been formally identified.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Pc Nick Gimbert on 0300 3333000, quoting 491S 110512.

POISONING FEAR AS PETS DIE IN AGONY

By Heather Large

AT least 11 pet cats have died in agony in Kidderminster in what is feared could be a spate of deliberate poisonings.

Six of the cats lived within 20 yards of each other. The distraught owners have reported the deaths to the police, who are now appealing for information.

Four cats belonging to one family in Pat Davis Court have died, as well as one just across the road and a sixth round the corner in nearby York Street.

Cancer sufferer taunted

A MOTHER suffering from cancer was devastated when teenage yobs in Kidderminster mocked her bald head.

Kim Palmer-Young had gone out for the first time since having chemotherapy.

The mother-of-four was at a Tesco Express when four teenagers pointed at her and taunted: "Look at the state of her hair".

The 51-year-old nursery nurse who has Hodgkins Lymphoma has endured three gruelling chemotherapy sessions.

Her husband Mick died of a brain haemorrhage in 2008, aged 49.

Mrs Palmer-Young had plucked up the courage to step out for the first time after undergoing the treatment when she was taunted by the gang.

She said the experience had been "confidence wrecking" and had set back her fight against the cancer.

All were poisoned within two days of each other last week.

A cat owner in Stretton Road also reported that their cat had been poisoned, and four others died on April 23 in similar circumstances.

Michelle Davis, aged 32, a mother-of-five of Pat Davis Court, said: "My 12-year-old son Levi's tabby tom Garfield took ill first and was having fits, and then Humbug, our black-and-white female started being sick, followed by Tuna, another tabby tom, and his brother, Tizer."

Heartbroken

"All had renal failure and the vets said it was a sign they had been poisoned."

"We're heartbroken and don't know how this has happened."

Adam Smith, aged 31, of nearby York Street, whose black and white tom Phoenix was among the victims, said: "It's weird that so many cats died within two days in such a small area, and I think someone's poisoned them."

Pc Kayley Perkins, of Kidderminster Police, said: "We are liaising with the RSPCA and are appealing for information."

People can call police on 101.

Tireless Fred gets unique town honour



Kidderminster mayor, Councillor Anne Hingley, with Fred Holland and centre, left to right, Barbara Sheward, secretary of Kidderminster Hospital's diabetes unit, nurses Jadwiga Borna, Lyn Gilbert, and Dawn Edwards, and back, consultant Dr Paul Newrick, and chief executive Penny Venebles

FIFTY-TWO years of devotion to the people of Kidderminster have earned Fred Holland the town's first Civic Award.

Fred, aged 75, began raising money for hospitals and children after moving to the town in 1960.

After his daughter Vivienne was diagnosed with diabetes in 1971, when she was nine, helping families affected by the condition became his passion.

Fred, who lives with his wife, Shirley, aged 72, in Plimsoll Street, has raised more than £120,000 for diabetes charities.

He has organised everything from pram pushes to coffee mornings and car boot sales, and was the driving force behind developing Kidderminster's diabetes centre at the town's hospital.

Kidderminster charter Trustees have just launched the Civic Awards, to honour people who serve the town and its residents – and Fred is the first to receive one.

Staff, patients and civic dignitaries gathered to thank him for his efforts at the diabetes centre.

Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Anne Hingley, said: "This man is a legend. He deserves being honoured in as many ways as we can."

Fred said: "I now realise how much I am valued by my family, friends and the wider community."

He handed over "thank you" certificates to diabetes nurses Jadwiga Borna, Lyn Gilbert and Dawn Edwards and to Dr Paul Newrick, diabetic consultant at Kidderminster Hospital.

Suspected burglar is caught by residents

A SUSPECTED burglar was chased from a house and detained in the street by the homeowner and his neighbours.

Kidderminster Harriers steward Richard Foster, aged 40, chased the man after finding him in his garage in Stourport.

The pair grappled in the road and neighbours came to Mr Foster's aid after hearing his cries. They helped pin the alleged thief to the ground.

Later, Mr Foster said: "I am so grateful for everyone's help."

Mr Foster lives in Lower Lickhill Road but his property backs on to Mayberry Close, where the chase took place.

In the chase and tussle, Mr Foster suffered a gash to his head. He also ruptured his Achilles tendon and exacerbated a long-term knee injury.

Mayberry Close resident Rob Kautzner was among those who helped him. The 55-year-old said: "It was brilliant to see the neighbourhood work together."

Det Sgt Marc Sanders of Kidderminster CID said: "We would like to thank those who came to the householder's aid."

Pensioner is con target

A WOMAN in her 80s let a thief into her Kidderminster home when he said he was checking her water supply.

The woman later found money was missing from her home in Burcher Green.

Police said the woman was targeted last Wednesday afternoon. The conman left her in the kitchen, saying he needed to carry out checks in the bathroom. Later, the woman discovered the money missing.

The man was white, 45 to 50 and around 5ft 5ins. He had a navy blue jacket, dark trousers and grey woolly hat. Witnesses should call police on 0800 555 111.

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Neighbours fail in bid to halt extension plan

A HOUSEHOLDER has won a battle to build a side extension to his home – despite bitter objections from his furious neighbours.

Gerald Thomas faced protests from other people living in The Brake, Hagley, over plans to build a one-storey extension at his property. The small housing development was designed by a leading architect in the 1960s and was an award-winner.

Through the estate's management company, Mr Thomas's neighbours argued the development would bring an "unwanted change" to the appearance of the road.

They were also concerned the extension would be "highly visible" and would set a precedent for other such developments.

Mr Thomas took his case to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) after residents voted against the extension 10 to six.

Sight

The Brake (Hagley) Management Company Ltd pointed to a covenant restricting building work on the 18 plots. It described an offer by Mr Thomas to pay £300 to allay his neighbours' concerns as "derisory".

Mr Thomas argued the consent to waive the anti-building covenant had been "unreasonably withheld".

He had offered to make the extension available for management meetings and



Extension plan – The Brake in Hagley

said the plan would not injure the privacy of any other resident. He said it would not fall within the sight line of other properties.

Tribunal judge Peter Francis, a fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, found in favour of Mr Thomas.

He said the extension, for which planning permission was already approved, was reasonable use for the land.

He said it would be straightforward. Despite the architectural merits of The Brake it did not offer "such significant qualities or uniqueness or individuality".

Serving up inter-planetary fun



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written by Bob Carlton at the Rose Theatre from May 24-26. Evening performances are at 7.30pm.

The group performed their first full musical last year when they presented Back to the 80's, and the production was praised by audiences and critics.

Tickets can be obtained from The Rose on 01562 743745 or online at www.rosetheatre.co.uk

Sex toys stolen in burglary

SEX toys worth £11,000 were stolen in a burglary at Stourport.

More than 400 items in four large suitcases were taken from a flat in the Gilgal where they were being stored by mail order company Happy Bunny, which trades online.

The suitcases were stolen when the premises were broken into last Wednesday night.

It is believed that the thieves got in and out from Baldwin Road.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen something suspicious in the area and officers have contacted adult shops to alert them in case they are offered the stolen goods.

PC Emma Gunnell said: two of the cases were black but the other two were very distinctive.

One had pink and black stripes and the other a multi-coloured flower pattern.

Anyone with information should contact police at Kidderminster on 101, quoting incident reference 119-S-100512, or call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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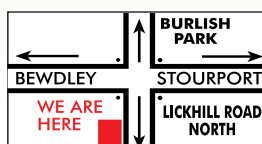
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Concert to boost hospice

A SUMMER concert has been lined up in Kidderminster next month to raise money for KEMP Hospice.

Lord Digby Jones is due to host the event on June 23, which will star Midlands-based choir Got 2 Sing and takes place at the Wyre Forest Glades Arena.

The choir will perform a varied programme including Motown, pop, music theatre and gospel.

Lord Digby Jones, a former director general of the business organisation the CBI, has supported the hospice in Mason Road since he opened it in 2005.

Ele Millward, community fundraiser at KEMP, said: "We are delighted that the concert is supporting the hospice and what a special way to celebrate our 30th anniversary year."

Got 2 Sing's choir leader and founder, Beth Dunn, said: "We're really excited to be holding this concert with choirs from Bewdley, Stourbridge and Worcester. The night will be full of energy."

Tickets, which cost £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s, are available by calling 01562 515151.

Hall performance

JANE Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* will be performed at Hagley Hall on July 7 by the Chapterhouse Theatre Company. Tickets are £14 for adults, £9 for children. Details from 01562 887290.

Party time is planned for Diamond Jubilee

MORE than 100 street parties are being planned in the region for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Organisers will put up bunting and get out the trestle tables to celebrate the monarch's 60th anniversary on the throne in June.

Dudley Council has approved 25 road street closures following requests from residents. Among the events is a party at Holy Trinity Church in Amblecote High Street. A thanksgiving service will be held at 3pm on June 3 followed by a party in the church hall.

A dozen parties are taking place in Wolverhampton, and in Sandwell, there are seven street parties organised so far, and four events in parks. There will also be a celebration on fields in Marsh Lane, West Bromwich, organised by Marsh Lane Pentecostal Church.

Festival

Residents in Walsall are staging 20 parties, with celebrations planned at the Walsall Arms pub in Bank Street and in the town centre.

Cannock Chase District Council received seven applications for street closures while nine roads in Lichfield will be temporarily shut for the celebrations. In the Wyre Forest area, the Boar's Head pub in Kidderminster town centre is staging a three-day festival of entertainment. The authority is processing a further three applications.

The planned parties locally are: June 3, Coningsby Drive, Kidderminster; Fairfield, Kidderminster; Roden Avenue, Kidderminster; Foundry Street, Stourport.

June 2, 3 and 4: The Boar's Head, Worcester Street, Kidderminster.

Heritage weekend hailed a success



Colin, Liam and Kristin Brookes at the historic working canal boat, Swift

THE Stourport Canal Basin Heritage Weekend has been hailed a success.

A steady flow of visitors streamed through the town to take advantage of the weekend.

Among the attractions they explored were Discover Stourport, the mini-museum in Bridge Street, The Old Ticket Office Heritage Room in York Street, the Tontine Stable Heritage Room, Canal Basin, and the living quarters of the British Waterways historic working canal boat, the Swift.

Visitors also enjoyed a Stourport Industrial Town Trail on Saturday and a strenuous five mile walk on Sunday, The Baldwin Trail, which included a visit to Wilden Church.

Pauline Annis, chairwoman of organisers Stourport Forward, said: "It was great to see people enjoying the Heritage Weekend."

"I would like to thank everyone who helped with the weekend. We hope that families will join us for our next event, our Pirates Weekend on June 16 and 17."

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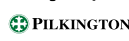
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Rose, three, is happiness monitor

A PUPIL at Holy Trinity International School's nursery was so impressed by her class activity that she decided to record pupils' happiness by making her own clipboard chart.

Rose Leek, three, went round fellow classmates asking if they felt happy, sad or angry, before collating the results on to her handmade clipboard chart.

And the result? The children were "happy".

Nursery assistant Joanne Potter, said: "As part of our early years personal, social and emotional development activities we'd given the children a chart, asking them to mark how they and their friends felt that day, with all the results added to a final tally chart to show the pupils' overall happiness.

"Rose, using her initiative, created a personal class activity chart and proceeded to ask the other nursery children and staff, as well as a visiting parent, how they felt, before marking her results on her clipboard. It was wonderful to see her personal confidence, and the concentration and focus she displayed as she completed her survey."



Three-year-old Rose Leek, collating her survey results on to her chart

Fostering appeal launched

A NEW appeal for foster carers is being launched in Kidderminster.

Worcestershire County Council's fostering service is backing the national Foster Care Fortnight campaign by encouraging people to find out about fostering.

The service is hosting drop-in events to spread the message.

Staff from the county fostering and kinship team and foster carers will be on hand to answer questions and

discuss the benefits and rewards of fostering a child.

The first event is today (Thursday) at Kidderminster Library from 6 to 8pm.

Others are at Evesham Leisure Centre, tomorrow (Friday) at 7-9pm; at Perdisswell Young People's Leisure Club, Worcester, May 23, 6.30-8.30pm, and at Redditch Library, May 26, 10am-12.30pm.

The county is hoping to recruit at least 20 more households by the end of 2012. This year there is a focus on

recruiting people to foster teenagers, siblings and pre-school aged children (including babies).

Councillor Liz Eyre, the council's cabinet member for children, social care and safeguarding said: "Foster Care Fortnight is about celebrating the fantastic job that our foster carers do, but it is also vital in highlighting how important it is that new people, from all backgrounds and experience, come forward."

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Shake-up on the bins aiming for efficiency

Pupils bloom for contest



The winners, left to right, Ava Freeman, five, Adam Ram, seven, Billy Wooldridge, seven, Jessica Holden nine, and Molly Smith, 11

PUPILS at Bewdley Primary School have been getting in to the Olympic Spirit with a competition to combine art, sport and horticulture.

The children were given the challenge of designing an Olympic Garden to transform an unused patch of grass in the school grounds. The children created miniature gardens, models and drawings to convey the Olympic values and what it means to them to have the event in

this country. Overall winner was Billy Wooldridge, and prizes also went to Ava Freeman, Adam Ram, Jessica Holden and Molly Smith.

To start the gardening, children, parents and staff worked together to dig up the area which is now ready for the children to transform in to Billy's Olympic Garden vision. Teacher Amanda Bradley said: "We can't wait to see the garden in bloom this summer."

PEOPLE in Wyre Forest are being reminded that rubbish and recycling collection days have changed this week.

Council bosses have set up a search facility available on the authority's website so residents can check on the details.

The shake-up is because of crews working a four-day week from Tuesday to Friday, starting this week.

Rubbish is being collected from every resident in the first week and recycling the next. Collections will continue on an alternate-weekly basis.

The authority says the changes are part of a plan to make efficiency savings across the service.

Councillor Marcus Hart, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "The changes will mean better efficiency for our collection crews with them working longer hours over fewer days."

"There will be more emphasis on team working to ensure rounds are completed in as short a time as possible. Even so, some customers may find that their bin will be emptied at a different time to what they're used to."

"We ask that bins are placed at the collection point by 6am on collection day and they could be collected until mid-afternoon."

The council is also asking people to recycle more. Items to be recycled should be placed loose in the bin, not in a bin liner, or they will be sent to landfill. For information on collection days and on recycling, log on to www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/waste

Police invitation

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Trust offers free health MoT checks for summer

PEOPLE in Worcestershire are being offered free health MoT checks to be ready for the summer.

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust's Health Trainers will be offering the health MoTs.

They include checking blood pressure, body mass index, blood sugar levels, and carbon monoxide levels for smokers.

Health Trainer Co-ordinator Jayne McCullough said: "Following the winter health MoTs, we managed to support people with lifestyle changes after highlighting conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

"The service is not just here to identify potential problems to people, but to help them find solutions by offering support."

The MoTs began at the start of the year and more dates have been added to meet demand.

The Worcestershire Health Trainer Service offers a free and confidential support and advice service on all aspects of healthy lifestyles for anyone aged 16 or over.

The health checks are available at a number of venues up to July 2. For more details go to www.hacw.nhs.uk/healthtrainers or call 01905 681333.

Second jobs event

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has announced a second jobs fair in Kidderminster - on September 20 at the town hall. The time is to be confirmed. Hundreds of jobs seekers turned up to the first fair, in March.

Theatre is alive with music



Maria, played by Charlotte Wood, with the Von Trapp children, Matthew Evans, Lara Mitchell, Stephen Drew, Bella Moreton, Ellie Woodward, Annie Fellows and Millie Brown

THE hills in a picturesque village are alive with the sound of music as an operatic society gets ready to stage its version of a much-loved show.

Kinver Light Operatic Society has gathered together its own Maria and seven Von Trapp children for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Sound of Music.

The story of a nun who leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to a widowed naval officer's seven children in the 1930s, is on at Edgecliff Theatre, Kinver, until Saturday.

And it's a real family affair, with relatives of different generations on stage together.

Bella Moreton, aged eight, stars as Gretl while her mum, Cathy, plays Sister Sophia. Millie Brown, 10, plays Brigitta, and her brother, Joe Brown, is Nazi soldier Rolf.

Ellie Woodward, 12, plays Louisa with her mother, Rachel Woodward, as a nun.

Charlotte Wood, who takes the lead role of Maria - made famous by Julie Andrews - said: "We are the first local society to be performing the musical."

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Village hall in line to win prestigious award

Royal fun day at carnival



Esie Johnson, carnival queen, with Charlotte Hudson and Caelen Gower

RESIDENTS of Wolverley near Kidderminster celebrated their May Fayre with music from Birmingham outfit Red Shoes who performed traditional songs, and dancing from Wolverley Sebright Primary School.

Villagers were entertained with superb displays from Svartland Vikings, and there were stalls, games, and food and

drink. Esie Johnson, 13, was picked to be carnival queen, Caelen Gower, 12, was princess and Charlotte Hudson, eight, was the rosebud.

Esie and Caelen both attend Wolverley CE Secondary School, and Charlotte goes to Wolverley Sebright Primary.

A VILLAGE hall near Bewdley has been short-listed for a prestigious national award.

The 2012 Biffa Awards recognise people who transform their communities through Biffa Award-funded projects.

Selected from nearly 100 applicants, Trimpey Village Hall will compete against four other organisations from across the country for the chance to be named winner of the Community Buildings category, and receive a £2,000 prize.

The group received nearly £42,500 from Biffa Award to build an extension to provide a new kitchen and storage rooms, and to install energy-saving heating.

The Biffa Awards ceremony will be on September 27 at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham, Kent.

The category winners can use their prize money to further develop their project. Each winner can also be crowned Overall Winner, receiving another £1,000.

Gillian French, Biffa Award Programme Manager, said: "The awards are a unique opportunity to recognise the people who are delivering some of the excellent projects we have funded. A great deal of the projects we support have a huge and lasting impact on their local community and environment."

Appeal for donors

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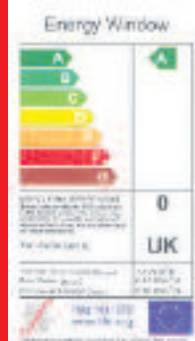
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Welcome for internet porn move

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has welcomed a Government move to review rules on access to internet pornography.

Under proposals, people would have to opt in to receiving adult content when they sign a broadband contract. It follows a Parliamentary inquiry.

Mr Garnier who was on the inquiry team, said he was pleased that the Government was committed to protecting children online.

Town's plan to create community hub takes a major step forward

PLANS to develop a multi-use hub and community-run hall at Stourport Civic Centre have taken a major step forward.

Stourport Town Council has agreed in principle to explore the proposal that the town council could take over the ownership and management of the building after Wyre Forest District Council vacates it later this year.

A steering group with representatives of

all the councils involved is now developing a business plan and working out how to raise the money they need for the project.

Potential tenants of the hub have been approached, including Stourport Town Council, Stourport library, the Worcestershire coroner, police, Job Centre Plus, Support Guidance Skills (previously Connections) and discussions are continuing.

The steering group needs expressions of interest before May 22 from local businesses, community groups or public sector

bodies which may be interested in developing the lower ground floor of the building. Anyone interested can contact Liz Sheerin, Stourport Forward, on 01299 822827.

Volunteers

Plans for the hub include developing a youth theatre group, hosting live bands and extending the hire/use of the hall by the local community.

More volunteers are needed, particularly those with organisational skills.

"This is a big step forward for Stourport Town Council", said Councillor Jim Parish, council leader. "We will seek professional advice as to whether this is a viable way forward."

Councillor John Holden, chairman of the steering group, said: "This development could lead to the ownership of a community hub by Stourport Town Council, on behalf of the people of Stourport, to preserve our theatre/hall for future generations."

Gardens to be opened to visitors

TWO Bewdley gardens will be open under the National Gardens Scheme this weekend.

Bowcastle Farm, Tanner's Hill, is open on Saturday, 11am-5pm. Owners Thelma and Cedric Quayle won the Bewdley in Bloom large garden category in 2011.

The garden at Toll House Cottage, Stourport Road, is open on Sunday, 10am-5pm. There will also be a painting and woodturning studio to see. At both gardens, admission is £3, children free.

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Rain fails to hold up council's HQ



Part of the £10 million council building taking shape

THE building of Wyre Forest District Council's £10 million headquarters is still on schedule despite the recent bad weather.

Some scaffolding at the building, at Finepoint Business Park, Stourport, are to come down soon as work on the scheme enters its final phase.

External work on the new council chamber and offices at the complex has now been finished and internal works are under way.

Landscaping, including the laying of paths and creation of roadways will be done soon, and work on the roof will be completed within the next two weeks, according to builder Thomas Vale Construction.

Bosses at the firm said they were confident the project would be completed by July 30 but admitted severe weather over the past week had not been helpful.

Project manager John Maley said: "Provided we do not have any more serious weather we should remain on target."

The HQ has been controversial. Some councillors said the cash could have been better spent in other areas but the council says consolidating services will save around £500,000 a year.

Library hosting Olympic events

FAMILIES in the Wyre Forest area can celebrate the Olympic torch passing through the area at a series of special events at Stourport library.

Up to May 24 the library is hosting an Olympic-themed trail and quiz, with an overall prize for one lucky winner.

On Saturday, there will also be a special Olympic-themed story-time for children of all ages between 10.30am and 11, followed by arts and crafts sessions where children can make

their very own Olympic torch, these sessions will run from 11am to 3pm.

Library manager Maureen Hobbs said: "We are all really excited about having the Olympic torch pass through our county, and want families to come and celebrate with us and get into the spirit of this momentous occasion." Both events are free and are open to everyone. For details, go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries, call 01905 822722, or visit Stourport library.

Nursing inspires heroine Lisa to find true identity

ALTHOUGH she will forever be known as a "machete attack heroine" Lisa Potts feels she has now found her true identity.

Juggling motherhood with 13-hour nursing shifts has been a challenge but Lisa has "loved every minute of it". "It's one of those moments in your life when you think this is what I'm meant to do. It's a really difficult course and combining working full time and studying is tough but my family and husband are really supportive."

Lisa especially enjoys being on the wards at New Cross Hospital.

"Sometimes patients will say 'You don't half look like that girl Lisa Potts'. I play little jokes on the patients who think they recognise me."

Lisa Potts needs no introduction: she is the nursery nurse who risked her life to shield children from a machete wielding attacker, suffering severe injuries as a consequence.

Since that fateful day in 1996 Lisa's life has moved on in positive ways. She got married to policeman husband Dave Webb, had two beautiful boys and started a charity which is celebrating its 10th anniversary next month.

It took a while to pluck up courage to enrol on the nursing course and she has put her heart and soul into it.

Natural

"I've had to learn to get on with things. Nursing is very much like that, you have things thrown at you."

"Doing the course has really opened my eyes to how hard nurses work. They are on their feet all day. I come home after a shift and my feet are burning. Nurses are often referred to as angels and I have been really inspired by them."

Lisa's new career path is a natural extension of her nursery nurse role and nurturing instinct.

The desire to care comes to the fore in her relationship with her sons Alfie, aged eight and five-year-old Jude. When she talks about her boys it is

As her charity Believe To Achieve marks its 10th anniversary, Lisa Potts talks to **HEATHER LOAT** about being a mother, a charity worker and training to be a nurse



Nurturing instinct - Lisa is training to be a nurse

obvious they mean the world to her.

"I have a fantastic relationship with both of them, they have a great sense of humour and are typical boys."

It's been almost 16 years since Lisa tried desperately to protect the children at St Luke's, Blakenhall, from Horrett Campbell's frenzied attack.

"Occasionally I see some of the children," she says. Tears start to prick her eyes as she talks about them.

From an ordinary young woman Lisa was thrust into the spotlight receiving 21 awards and being in constant demand to tell her story.

"For five years it was like being on a merry-go-round. It changed my life but we all survived."

Lisa launched Believe To Achieve in 2002 to help children and parents in Wolverhampton. She had been in demand for charitable projects including in Vietnam and Romania, where

she helped set up an orphanage named after her. "I started Believe To Achieve because after what happened I was asked to do so much charity work and I thought I would love to do something in my area."

The charity helps youngsters aged five to 11 by raising their self esteem.

When it launched it was running in five schools. A decade on it is now in 30 schools and has transformed the lives of thousands of young people.

Celebrate

Lisa hopes it will have a future after lottery funding runs out next year.

"The charity has done some fantastic work and it would be very sad if it ends."

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Poet 'Aer Reg' Fullelove, of Heath Hayes with some of the archive pictures in his collection



Pit pony Bob, the last of his breed still working in Staffordshire, finally retires from Cannock Wood Colliery in 1969.

The life and rhymes of passionate poet Aer Reg

THE folk of Cannock Chase are fortunate to have in their midst a poet of rare talent – Reg Fullelove BEM, of Heath Hayes.

Reg, known as 'Aer Reg' is a man who is infused with a passion for his place and his people and by a belief that those yet to come must know of the lives led by those gone.

Reg's rare talent is that he is able to pass on history through moving, evocative and sensitive poems that capture imaginations and empower young and old alike to see, touch, smell, taste and hear the past.

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And wonderfully, this ability to arouse the physical senses is matched by that of exciting the feelings of mind, soul and heart.

For many years Reg, with his late wife Brenda, also gave talks to societies of all kinds and visited schools. Indeed



by Carl Chinn

these visits were much more than talks for they embraced poetry and small exhibitions.

A deliver of distinction, Reg would bring with him prized possessions and memorabilia of days gone by, especially to enthuse young people with an interest and understanding of what had been before.

This reaching out to the past for the sake of both the present and the future began back in the mid-1970s when Christopher Phipps was covering the Black Country area for what was then BBC Birmingham from 1974-80.

During this period Christopher carried out many interviews that are now of importance historically, while he also produced and presented

'Wulfrun Echo' for the station and made documentaries. Reg was an early contributor to 'Wulfrun Echo' and continued to feature until it ended.

It was then that Reg Fullelove took the writing name of 'Aer Reg'. It was fitting that he did so for from that day onwards he belonged to Cannock and its folk, as indeed he does to the wider West Midlands.

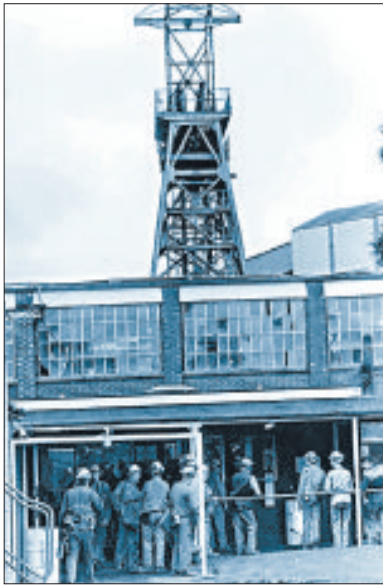
He is no longer going out and about with his talks, yet Aer Reg still reaches out to us through his words and sentiments. Some of his poems have been collected in a book called Three Pounds of Sugar.

As Reg said: "So many times I've heard those words 'when I was little' and so I decided to create that world in book form".

Others have been gathered by his grand-daughter, who is a lecturer, into a booklet just for the family. It is called: 30 Years of Aer Reg. The Stuff You've Loved.



A woman outside her house in Birmingham Street, Dudley in the 1920s. Used for the poem 'Monday Morning'



Changing shift at Littleton Colliery in Huntington, which was the last of the Chase mines to close in 1993

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MP's disappointment at election results

THE local election results were a great disappointment to many of us in the Borough of Dudley.

Turnout was down to approximately one third of the electorate. One can only speculate about the reasons for this decline in voting. A combination of apathy, dissatisfaction with the Government nationally, and a feeling that politicians should just get on with the job, were all factors in my view.

It is particularly hard on the Conservative Councillors who lost their seats. The one reason I did not hear at all on the doorstep was any dissatisfaction with the performance of Dudley

Council. Having served as a local councillor myself I know only too well the frustrations of the performance of local government being judged, not on its merits, but by the mood in the country towards the national government.

I would like to put on record my admiration for the achievements of Dudley Council under Conservative leadership. The economic crisis inherited from the last Labour Government led to a severe squeeze on local government finances.

Dudley were obliged to find £35m savings and this has been achieved by efficiencies and reductions in manage-

ment costs in ways that have protected frontline services. Residents, especially those on fixed incomes, have, for several years, benefited from one of the lowest rates of council tax in the West Midlands, a rate which has been frozen for the last 12 months.

I am very sorry that so many good and hardworking councillors lost their seats. I would like to thank the Conservative group and the officers of Dudley Council for the professionalism and ambition that has been the hallmark of our borough.

Margot James MP (Conservative), Stourbridge.

Why must we pay to prop up the Euro?

THE new French president attacked England's so-called obsession with the city of London, and its indifference to the fate of the euro.

Billions in British taxpayers' money is going to help prop up this useless currency. He is asking us, Germany and others, to finance French election promises. It's time Cameron, Clegg and Osborne started to think of England.

Why do they let Brussels dictate to us to what we can or can't do here in England? I don't remember voting for foreign dictators to run my country.

We need a change from Labour, Conservative and Lib Dems. There must be a party out there for a once-moribund United Kingdom.

John Perkins
Wood Road,
Lower Gornal,
Dudley

Coalition to blame for poor showing

THE Government is entirely to blame for the poor showing at the recent elections. It is not a united party and was not what the majority of voters, Tory or Lib Dem, wanted after a general election.

The promises made to voters at the time have as usual not been kept, is a cut in immigration, and a repeal of the despised Human Rights Act which is exploited by anybody who sees us as a soft touch and gets away with it.

People as a whole are not too difficult to please, but when voting time comes around as these May elections have proven, these broken election promises play a major part in the final outcome.

I'm 76 and I cannot grumble too much. However, due to one thing or another I've seen this country slip down the ratings in every walk of life and is getting worse.

So, if lessons are to be learned from these latest poll results this Coalition Government must change if it wants to stay in power.

M Slater,
Rowan Rise, Kingswinford.

Obvious why Tory support collapsed

IT is unbelievable that Cameron has not realised why the Conservatives did badly in the local elections.

At the last general election no-one vote for a coalition. Now a Conservative vote is a vote for the coalition, a government nobody voted for!

On May 3, disillusioned Tory voters either did not vote or placed their vote elsewhere.

Dudley councillor (Conservative) Les Jones did his party no favours by his recent support for the ridiculous high salaries paid to council chiefs.

The message to the arrogant Cameron is clear. Continue to govern with woolly-headed Liberals like Clegg and Cable, and lose the next election.

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P-pick up a prize at penguin display



Maggie Wallace, senior gallery and museum assistant gets the penguin ready

WORCESTER'S art gallery and museum is looking for the public's help with a new exhibit.

The gallery has unveiled a new exhibit – a penguin. And bosses there need help to give it a name.

The penguin is part of the museum's historic bird collection, an important collection of more than 1,300 specimens from all over the world.

Originally collected in the 19th century the penguin hasn't been on display since the 1970s. But after conservation work it is now taking pride of place in the recently re-designed Museum Gallery.

The stuffed specimen is a king penguin, from Antarctica.

Visitors to the gallery from now to the end of June can enter a competition to name the penguin. Museum staff will choose their favourite name and the winner will receive

their own penguin toy.

Rachel Robinson of Worcestershire museums, said: "We are very excited to be able to put our penguin back on display but we would really like it to have a name and that's where the people of Worcester come in."

"Why not come along to the museum, have a look at our new displays and join in the competition?"

Activity

The penguin is kept company in the new gallery by other examples of taxidermy including a polar bear cub and a colobus monkey.

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Staff want new charity

SUPERMARKET bosses are appealing for charities in Stourbridge and Brierley Hill to receive a year's worth of support.

Staff at the Sainsbury's store in Amblecote organise a series of fundraising events each year.

Over the past 12 months, the scheme raised £3,900 for the Brierley Hill Project, which helps people living on the town's Chapel Street estate. Now staff at the store, in Sandringham Way, are on the lookout for a new charity. Customers can vote for their favourite local charity until May 23.

Leader vows more say

THE NEW Labour leader of Dudley Council has vowed to give the community a greater say in the way the authority is run as he outlined his priorities for the coming year.

Less than a week after Labour swept to power in Dudley as the Conservatives' support collapsed in the borough, Councillor David Sparks says he has already started the process of cutting red tape. He said that he would overhaul the current area committee system to involve residents more and ensure that their concerns are discussed.

And he said beauty spots such as Wrens Nest and Saltwells nature reserves in Dudley should be celebrated for their "international significance". Area committee meetings are

currently held in Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Stourbridge and Central and North Dudley with the aim that local issues will be addressed.

But Councillor Sparks said: "These meetings are usually a line of councillors sitting opposite a line of officers talking about things that have no relevance to an area committee."

Taskforce

He said the chairmen of the meetings would form a "taskforce" to look at how the structure can be changed to make it "more relevant to individual communities".

And the number of meetings per year will be restored to four, after being reduced to three last year, he said.

Councillor Sparks said he wanted to

"re-establish Dudley's green credentials" by building The Leasowes in Halesowen and Dudley's nature reserves into a new tourism plan for the borough.

He said: "Doulton's Clay Pit at Saltwells is really important and parts of Wrens Nest date back to the foundation of science and geology. In recent years we have lost site of the international significance of our green spaces."

Councillor Sparks said the demolition of Coseley Baths in 2009 and the more recent proposed closure of New Bradley Hall care home in Kingswinford had impacted on the Tory party's votes. He today insisted New Bradley Hall would stay open - as previous leader Councillor Les Jones had vowed.

Sessions pushed to give jobless tips and guidance

SESSIONS are being held across the Dudley borough to help unemployed people.

The weekly Work Clubs will help people search online for a job and write CVs, and will also offer career advice and interview tips.

On Mondays from 10.30am to 1pm the event will be held at Coseley Library in Castle Street, and at Dudley Library in St James's Road from 5pm to 7pm.

Gornal Library in Abbey Road hosts the event on Tuesdays between 10am and 12.30pm, while from 3pm to 5pm it takes place at Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Limes Road, Dudley.

The session at Lye Library in Chapel Street runs from 10am to 12.30pm and at the same time the event takes place at the

Rainbow Centre, Rainbow Street, Bilston.

Also on Thursdays the Savoy Centre in Northfield Road, Netherton, hosts the group between 1pm and 5pm, and a session is held at Brierley Hill Library every Thursday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Castle and Priory Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Limes Road, Dudley hosts the event from 9.30am to midday on Thursdays.

Events also take place at Halesowen Library in the Queensway Mall, Halesowen on Fridays from 12.15pm to 2.15pm.

Kingswinford Library in Market Street Kingswinford is the venue from 10am to midday the same day.

For more information call the council's Employability Team on 01384 812373.

Zip off to Zumba



Warming up for Zumba are, from left, workers Jayne Crook, Anna Billingham and Danielle Bevan

STAFF from a disabled children's charity are gearing up to host Zumba classes at their centre in Stourbridge.

Lye-based KIDS Orchard Centre will be holding weekly classes from this week onwards, with the aim of raising funds and provide regular income to help sustain services.

The centre already provides specialist and inclusive dance classes, as well as a drama group, sports clubs and active lifestyle workshops.

Anna Billingham, senior practitioner at KIDS, said: "These classes will be fun and are a way to keep fit and meet new people."

"We know that there are other fitness classes out there, however we hope that people come to us as we offer the feel-good factor of supporting a local charity."

Classes will take place on Tuesdays from 1-2pm, Wednesday from 10-11am and Thursdays from 7-8pm.

For more information or to book a place contact Anna on 01384 897489.

Recruiting company is in administration

A STOURBRIDGE-BASED recruitment company with scores of temporary workers on its books has gone into administration, it has been revealed.

But all the staff and temporary workers at Get Me Staff Recruitment Services were transferred to a new company before administrators from accountants Mazars in Birmingham were appointed.

No-one at the new company was able to comment.

Administrator Steve Wood from Mazars said: "The business had proposed a Voluntary Arrangement to its creditors but this had been rejected prior to our involvement."

"Certain parts of the business and assets of the company were sold prior to our appointment as administrators and we are now focusing our attention on the realisation of the company's debtors."

"The administrators' proposals will report more fully on the administration in due course."

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A silver lining for trainee solicitor

A TRAINEE solicitor at leading Black Country law firm Higgs & Sons is celebrating after achieving a silver prize in the Birmingham Law Society's annual awards for trainee solicitors.

Adam Maguire achieved the second highest overall marks in examinations and course work while studying for his legal practice course.

He also received £150 of book tokens at the society's annual meeting in April.

"This is a great achievement and I'm extremely proud to have received the award," he said.

"I worked extremely hard to achieve my results, so it's fantastic to be recognised by the Birmingham Law Society."

Delight

Higgs' graduate trainee programme is one of the best in the region and many of its partners trained with the Brierley Hill-based firm.

Catherine Junor is one and is now the training principal for all new graduates.

She said: "Adam's achievements will be celebrated across the firm and we're all delighted for him."

Adam has also been elected as the Birmingham Law Society's education and societies representative for Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society.

Higgs' trainee James Osborne has become liaison officer for BTSS and colleague Rachel Seaton has been elected to the community development committee of Birmingham Future.

Poorest of the poor

Canals conjure up a welcoming picture of peace and tranquillity but many years ago, the Midland waterways were a very different scene, as TOBY NEAL reports

HARDSHIP? Don't try that one with brothers Jim and Joe Edwards. They know what real hardship is all about.

They were born and brought up on a working canal boat and were so poor that they got the strap from their father if they played football in their shoes – because the family couldn't afford to buy new ones.

"Jim and I used to love to play football, so we had an old pair of shoes, and he had the left shoe and I had the right shoe," said 81-year-old Joe. "We were the poorest of the poor. We weren't dressed very well. I had a big hole in my shoes, and my trousers were all ripped."

The entire family of six boys, six girls, and parents Noah and Mary (two other children died as babies), were crammed into two horse-drawn narrowboats, named Spade and Welcome, which plied with their cargoes on the Midland canal system and up to Ellesmere Port and back, working for Midlands and Coast Canal Carriers.

Frozen

All but the last two of the Edwards children were born on the boats. "We were taking wheat, flour, chocolate, foodstuff, from Ellesmere Port to Wolverhampton and Birmingham," said 82-year-old Jim, from Fordhouses, Wolverhampton.

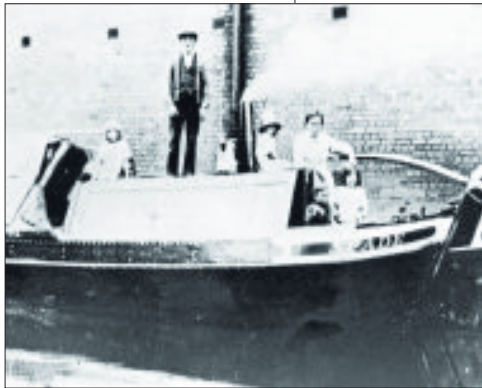
"Once, we were taking an order of tubes from Halesowen to Ellesmere Port, and tied up for the night near Beeston Castle.

"Next morning, the canal was frozen over, and we were stuck there for eight weeks."

Joe, from Oakengates, Telford, chipped in: "We had no food, water, or anything."

"They used to sleep top to tail on a hard bench. Lots of times during the summer we used to sleep on the cargo. We used to get a bag of straw and lie on that," said Jim.

There was a range for cooking. Meals would be cooked on the leading boat, and left on trays on the canal side to be collected as the following boat passed. The contents of



Above: Spade near Broad Street, Wolverhampton, in about 1927. The Edwards children on board are, from left, Mary, Nell, Alice, and little brother Bill in the doorway, with parents Noah and Mary. Left: Mary and Noah at their home in Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, in 1956

the toilet pot would be emptied into the canal.

With their travelling life, they never went to school. There was no great family tradition of working on the canal. "In about 1908, my mother's family lost their father, a Mr Wildy. They lived in Culwell Street, Wolverhampton," said Jim. "He passed on and left seven children. They could not afford to live there and were thrown out of the house by the bailiffs. The two eldest sons got a boat to live and work on, and that's how they came to be on the canal."

Noah Edwards had known Mary when they were both at Walsall Street School in Wolverhampton, and seems to have taken up the canal life when they married.

From about 1912 and through the First World War they worked for A & A Peate Ltd,

of Maesbury, near Oswestry. "They used to fetch the meal and wheat and things like that from Ellesmere Port to the mill, and also deliver to farmers along the canal to Llangollen. My uncle Tom Wildy's boat, named Margaret, was the last boat Peates had," said Jim.

In the mid-1930s there was modernisation of a sort when the family got a motor-driven boat, the Apollo, which would tow Spade, meaning the end of duty for horses Jack and Moggie. Unfortunately, Apollo kept breaking down, and the family went for life on dry land in about 1937 or 1938.

"We got off and lived in Broad Street in Wolverhampton. It meant we were able to go to school, for what was left of our school days. I made up by going to night school. I got a job after three days, on the railway, as



Jim and Joe Edwards – born and raised on a canal boat



Phyllis Thomas, nee Edwards, Bill Edwards, Bill's wife Pat, Phyllis's husband Len and Jim Edwards on Spade

a messenger boy on the Great Western Railway, at Herbert Street goods yard in Wolverhampton. I was on the railway for 49 years and nine months," said Jim, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1990.

As for Joe, he went into factory work.

Welcome appears no longer to exist but Spade and Apollo survive as leisure boats.

A new owner of Spade found a 1930s photo taken at Bunbury locks showing the Edwards family and, thanks to the wonders of the internet, this led to him tracing the surviving members.

On a nostalgic visit to his old home, Joe was initially unimpressed by the luxury on offer. Then he looked at the cabin.

"I had the shock of my life. When I opened the door, it was exactly the same as I remembered when we were kids," he said.

Economy boosting firms are rewarded

THREE Black Country businesses have graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 small businesses programme.

The TLC college, Wolverhampton, Vine Trust, Walsall, and the YMCA Black Country Group were in the first Midlands scheme and received their certificates at a dinner in Birmingham.

The programme is designed to boost local economic growth and job creation through practical business education and support to small businesses and social enterprises.

Classes for the second cohort have begun, and recruitment for the third is in progress.

Ranged

The first businesses represented a wide range of sectors, including manufacturing, business services, technology, retail and education. They ranged in size from £200,000 in turnover to more than £3 million.

TLC college was set up in 1997 and works with business and the public sector to offer skills and training to deprived communities.

The Vine Trust is a community development organisation involved in economic, environmental and social regeneration in Walsall.

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Festival gets a Push from French star

Push, Birmingham Hippodrome
ACCLAIMED French ballerina Sylvie Guillem's first performance at Birmingham Hippodrome was a highlight of this year's international dance festival in the city.

The elegant 48-year-old Parisian, first declared a star by Rudolf Nureyev 30 years ago, now brings her grace and vitality to contemporary dance, collaborating with dancer and choreographer Russell Maliphant.

In two thrilling solos she showcased her skills. Solo was danced to flamenco guitar and was all pride and passion. Two, danced to electronic music, began slowly as her body morphed and twisted into flailing life, her limbs a blur in this martial arts inspired piece.

Maliphant impressed in his own solo, Shift, dancing with his shadows and then both dancers combined for the award-winning Push.

Ex-gymnast Guillem defied gravity as she curled and slithered around Maliphant's body. The pair do Push their art form to another level.

Leon Burakowski

Connie is in Town

THE Sound of Music star Connie Fisher, winner of BBC TV's How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?, returns to Birmingham Hippodrome in the Leonard Bernstein's Wonderful Town from May 22 to 26.

Show to dance you back to the sounds of the 60s

FROM the team that brought the huge success is Dreamboats and Petticoats, Save The Last Dance For Me will take you back through the music and magic of the early 60s, at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton.

Such strings of success

CBSO, Symphony Hall.
IT was a battle of virtuoso violinists at Symphony Hall, and Birmingham's home-grown Laurence Jackson lost nothing in comparison with international solo superstar James Ehnes.

Big-name Canadian guest Ehnes was technically dazzling, as expected, with his venerable 1715 Stradivarius in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1, while never quite tugging the heart-strings.

By contrast, Jackson, leader of the CBSO, had the audience in the palm of his hand as his Vuillaume violin from 1850 delighted everyone during Rimsky-Korsakov's emotional roller-coaster, Scheherazade.

It concluded a triumphant evening for the orchestra under live-wire Japanese conductor Kazuki McLaren.

John McLaren

Written by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran (Goodnight Sweetheart, Birds of a Feather, Shine on Harvey Moon), it features the music of Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman.

With authentic recreation of the sound of Rock 'n' Roll, this nostalgic, feel-good journey will transport you back to music's golden era as we follow two teenage sisters through the summer of '63.

For the first time without their parents, the siblings embark on a seaside holiday.

Full of high spirits they meet a handsome young American who invites them to a dance at a US Air Force base. But young love and holiday romance is never as simple as it sounds.

The show features classic hits Pomus and Shuman including A Teenager In Love and, of course, Save The Last Dance For Me.

It runs from May 28 to June 2 with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets range from £13.50 to £31.50 with concessions available.



Hannah Frederick and AJ Dean in the nostalgic musical Save The Last Dance For Me

Young soul singer makes it sound so very easy

Michael Kiwanuka, Wulfrun Hall
CONSIDERING he is a new kid on the block, singer-songwriter Michael Kiwanuka looks as at ease on stage as any veteran of the folk-acoustic circuit.

His smooth soulful voice, easy manner and versatile use of music styles gives him the look of someone who has been doing this most of his life.

Kiwanuka evokes an early Motown sound in songs such as Tell Me a Tale, Rest and I'll Get Along from his new album Home Again. He slips easily into tunes with a reggae flavour and even adds country with Always Waiting.

Kiwanuka is an excellent musician with a chameleon voice that has the ability to move between genres while

keeping his distinctive soulfulness. He swaps guitars to easily move from acoustic to a jazz funk then to a heavier beat reminiscent of Santana.

He is at his best singing with just his acoustic guitar, such as Home Again, where he displays a quality bringing to mind the great Ray Charles.

Danny Farragher

Grand audience love all that razzle dazzle

Chicago, Wolverhampton Grand

THIS was razzle dazzle on a Grand scale and the audience loved it.

After the cast left the stage the packed theatre carried on clapping along as the band played its sassy tunes. This musical tells of murder and corruption and it certainly would be a crime to miss it.

If you are fan of the TV soaps you will feel quite at home. Look through the cast list and you will recognise quite a few names. Set in the roaring 1920s, it features nightclub singer Roxie Hart (Ali Bastian: Hollyoaks, The Bill) who shoots her lover and along with Cell Block rival, double-murderess Velma Kelly (Tupelo Dorgu: Coronation Street), they fight to keep from death row with the help of prison matron, Mama Morton (played that night by Genevieve Nicole, understudy for Bernie Nolan) and smooth-talking lawyer, Billy Flynn (Stefan Booth: EastEnders).

This just goes to prove that these 'soap' performers are not short on talent both in the singing and dancing departments, in fact some of the dance routines left the audience feeling breathless. Chicago is at the Grand to Saturday.

Sue Attwater

Essential Ireland

Essence of Ireland

Wolverhampton Grand

ESSENCE of Ireland may not have the scale of its bigger brother River Dance but this potted history of Ireland told through song, music and dance doesn't lack enthusiasm or energy.

Immigration, separation and Ireland were linked through love letters narrated through the storytelling, singing and playing of frontman Ged Graham.

He weaved in and out of the superb dance routines led by Ross Logan and Lianne Stubbs whose precision and skills, mixed with delicate ballet like moves, were mesmerising.

They were backed by an athletic troupe who used every inch of the stage while radiating enthusiasm. This sucked in the audience to join in clapping and singing familiar favourites including Tell Me Ma, Wild Rover, Danny Boy and many more.

Danny Farragher

Double Blur

BRITPOP stars Blur have two warm up gigs at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on August 5 and 6 before their big reunion gig in Hyde Park.

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OFF BY HEART: SHAKESPEARE

BBC2, 9pm

Following on from the 2009 poetry recital contest Off by Heart comes this national project aimed at getting schoolchildren engaged with the words of the Bard. The documentary follows the regional heats and workshops as the organisers, working with the Shakespeare Schools Festival, test the young competitors' memory, performance and engagement with the language as they perform soliloquies from Romeo and Juliet, Henry V and Hamlet. The nine best will take part in the final in Stratford-upon-Avon, hosted by Jeremy Paxman, as part of the World Shakespeare Festival.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** The Diamond Jubilee: Armed Forces Tribute. **12.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.50** British Olympic Dreams. **1.20** Triathlon. **2.50** Gymnastics. **4.20** Regional Programmes. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. **5.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.00 My Family. Susan is accused of sexual harassment at work. (R)

6.30 The Voice UK. Jessie and Danny's contestants take the stage again, and as last week, each team will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts to take through to the semi-final.

8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.50 Casualty. Tom is reunited with troubled teenager Alicia Duns.

9.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With John Bishop, Justin Moorhouse, Miles Jupp and Terry Alderton. (R)

10.10 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Kevin Bridges - The Story So Far. A comedy performance from Glasgow's SECC Arena filmed in 2010; National Lottery Update.

11.30 The Football League Show. Highlights of the Championship play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

12.15 Film: Kevin and Perry Go Large. (2000) Comedy, starring Harry Enfield and Kathy Burke.

1.30 Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Great British Menu. (R) **12.45** Film: Macbeth. (1948) Shakespeare's tragedy, directed by and starring Orson Welles. **2.30** Film: Twelfth Night. (1996) Shakespeare's comedy, starring Inogen Stubbs. **4.40** Flog It! **5.40** Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring tackles a terrorist. (R)

7.00 You Have Been Watching - David Croft. Tribute to the TV comedy writer, who died in 2011, known for his work on the sitcoms Dad's Army, Allo! Allo!, Are You Being Served?, It Ain't Half Hot Mum and Hi-de-Hi!. Narrated by Dilly Barlow. (R)

8.00 Cutty Sark: National Treasure Reopened. Updated version of the documentary first broadcast in February, following the restoration of the renowned clipper ship after she was ravaged by fire in May 2007.

9.00 Off by Heart Shakespeare. Documentary following a national competition in which schoolchildren compete to recite the words of Shakespeare in a test of memory, performance and engagement with the language.

10.20 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts.

11.05 FILM: Hamlet 2. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Steve Coogan.

12.30 Film: A Cock and Bull Story. (2006) Comedy, starring Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon. **2.00** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** The Planet's Funniest Animals. Video clips featuring troublesome pets and crazy wild animals. (R) **1.45** ITV News: Weather. **1.50** Film: Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors. (1985) Mystery, starring Helen Hayes and Bette Davis. **3.40** Film: From Russia with Love. (1963) James Bond thriller, starring Sean Connery. **5.45** Regional News; Weather.

6.00 ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Keith Lemon's LemonAid. Girl band the Saturdays put the host and an audience member through their paces in a performance, and X Factor judge Louis Walsh is this week's celebrity helper. Last in the series.

7.00 Live UEFA Champions League Final. Bayern Munich v Chelsea (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece match at the Allianz Arena in Munich, where European club football's premier competition concludes.

10.25 ITV News: Weather. **10.40** UEFA Champions League Highlights. Bayern Munich v Chelsea.

11.40 FILM: Bonnie and Clyde. (1967) Fact-based gangster drama, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

1.35 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **3.40** In Plain Sight. (R) **4.25** ITV Newsnight. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** British F3. **7.05** Film Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Shooting Cheryl. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Deal or No Deal. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Costa del Sol Special. (R) **5.50** Channel 4 News.

6.00 4thought.tv. Members of the public reflect on whether there is a limit to forgiveness.

6.05 FILM: Titanic. (1997) A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage. Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

9.45 FILM: Rush Hour 3. (2007) An assassination attempt sets the mismatched detectives off on a mission to take on Triad gangs in Paris. Action comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

11.30 Rude Tube. Alex Zane counts down through some of the most popular prank videos found online, including eye-watering stunts and comedy characters. (R)

12.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20** Film: Bad News Bears. (2005) Comedy remake, starring Billy Bob Thornton. **3.05** Milton Jones's House of Rooms. (R) **3.30** Halo Panda. (R) **4.00** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.50** Smallville. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.10** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.10** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **1.10** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. **2.55** Film: The Witches. (1990) Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston. **4.45** Film: Dr Dolittle 2. (2001)

6.30 Ultimate Police Interceptors. **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the First Test at Lord's, as the three-match series continued.

7.55 NCIS. The agents undergo psychological evaluations. (R)

8.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A man is found crushed to death in a hotel room. (R)

9.40 CSI: NY. Jo and Lindsay investigate the murder of a successful Brooklyn-born businessman, and discover he insisted on maintaining connections with the housing project where he was raised.

10.40 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A man is found badly beaten in a strip club's car park.

11.35 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Detectives try to solve the murder of a paediatrician. **12.35** SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **4.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.15** Britain's Got More Talent: All Singing All Dancing **6.15** Britain's Got More Talent: All Stars **7.15** Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **9.00** Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **11.15** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3 **3.45** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor **5.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor

ITV4 **11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Delhi DareDevils and Pune Warriors v Kolkata Knight Riders. **8.00** The Sweeney **9.00** Film: The Game (1997) Thriller, starring Michael Douglas. **11.35** Film: Eden Lake (2008)

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.30** Family Guy Best Freakin' Episodes

BBC FOUR **7.00** South Africa **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa. The history of South Africa's Zulu kingdom. **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Tales of Television Centre

E4 **3.05** Made in Chelsea **4.10** Charlie's Angels **5.05** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Meet the Spartans (2008) **10.45** Rude Tube **11.50** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4 **2.50** The Truman Show (1998) **4.45** Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **6.50** Amelia (2009) **9.00** A Time to Kill (1996) Courtroom drama, with Samuel L. Jackson and Matthew McConaughey. **11.50** Confessions (2010)

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CHANNEL 4'S COMEDY GALA

Channel 4, 9pm

For any true aficionado of the art of stand-up, this comedy extravaganza has become a high-point on the calendar, despite this being only its third year now. The must-see benefit gig-to-end-all-benefit gigs once again comes from the O2 in London, with all the proceeds going to Great Ormond Street Hospital. A look at the bill will tease your funny-bone with just a smidgen of apprehension for a full-on assault: confirmed acts include such luminaries as Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre and Jo Brand. For fans of up-and-coming acts, there's Paul Chowdhury and Andi Osho plus a music performance by Jessie J.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.30** Penguin Island. (R) **2.00** Tiger - Spy in the Jungle. (R) **3.00** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.00** Liffeline. **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Chelsea Flower Show 2012.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison and John Craven explore Dumfries and Galloway. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.25 The Voice UK Results. Jessie J and Danny O'Donoghue lose two more acts each.
8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury present further wildlife updates, including the progress of Kenyan lion cub Moja and his mum, and bear cubs Herbie and Fern in Minnesota.
9.00 Death in Paradise. Richard investigates the murder of a woodoo priestess. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical quiz.
11.10 FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. (2004) Newsroom comedy, starring Will Ferrell.
12.40 Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Witness to Auschwitz. (R) **3.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Live coverage of the 10km race. **12.30** Live MotoGP: The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Boxing. **3.30** Athletics: Great Manchester City Games. Live coverage from the city centre. **5.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **5.45** Flog It! (R)
6.10 FILM: Deep Impact. (1998) A reporter investigating a presidential misdemeanour stumbles on evidence that a comet is on a collision course with Earth. Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni and Morgan Freeman.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and one entire island has been turned into a stinking, toxic landfill dump.
9.00 Coast. The lifestyles and history of some of the most extreme locations in Britain, including the Isles of Scilly, Branscombe Cliff, Devon, and St David's Head, Pembrokeshire.
10.00 FILM: Man on Wire. (2008) Documentary about a tightrope walk between the World Trade Centre towers.
11.30 Episodes. Matt buys Sean a sports car. (R)
12.00 Grandma's House. (R) **12.30** Film: Sugar. (2008) Sporting drama, starring Algis Perez Soto. **2.15** BBC News. **4.00** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.40** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him. (1976) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)
6.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Classic clips and skits from previous series, featuring a fight between Mr Blobby and Phil Mitchell, and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall trying his hand at intensive chicken farming. (R)
6.25 Regional News; Weather.
6.40 ITV News; Weather. **7.00** **Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** Couples Special. Contestants include Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford, plus Paddy McGuinness and his wife.
8.00 Vera. The ugly truth about a murder victim's past begins to emerge when the body of a drug dealer washes up on a beach, while Vera copes with revelations of her own. Last in the series.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FILM: 10,000 BC. (2008) Prehistoric fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait.
12.05 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** River Monsters. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freeports on 4. **7.30** Freeports on 4. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Bride and Prejudice. (2004) Romantic Bollywood-style comedy, starring Aishwarya Rai and Martin Henderson. **4.30** Film: Bandslam. (2009) Premiere. Musical, starring Gaelan Connell.
6.30 Channel 4 News. **7.00** **4thought.tv.** A short discussion about forgiveness.
7.05 **Four Rooms.** Items on sale include Winston Churchill's gold dentures. Last in the series.
8.00 **Celebrity Deal or No Deal.** Katie Price takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity.
9.00 Channel 4's Comedy Gala. Jessie J opens the third annual charity event in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, with the line-up also featuring Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre, Jonathan Ross and Keith Lemon.
11.35 **The Inbetweeners.** The friends go clubbing in London. (R)
12.10 **The Inbetweeners.** (R) **12.40** Film: Do Dooni Chaar. (2010) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Rishi Kapoor. **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fill and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Mio Mao. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Funky Town. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.15** Film: Murder at the Gallop. (1963) **1.55** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home. (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **3.45** Film: Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue. (2010) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **5.05** Film: Hercules. (1997) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Tate Donovan.
6.55 **5 News Weekend.** **7.00** **Cricket on 5.** **8.00** **Once Upon a Time.** **9.00** **Norway Massacre: The Survivors.** **10.00** **FILM: Perfect Stranger.** (2007) Suspense thriller, starring Halle Berry and Bruce Willis.
12.10 The Walking Dead. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
4.35 Film: Free Willy (1993) **6.55** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** The Exclusives **11.45** Film: The World Is Not Enough (1999)
ITV3
2.40 The Railway Children **4.40** Wycliffe **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **10.00** Taggart. The team is drawn into the world of a strict religious sect. Last in the series. **11.00** Cracker
ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals v Mumbai Indians. **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.55** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968)
BBC THREE
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** England's Worst Ever Football Team **9.00** Family Guy Best Freakin' Top Two **10.00** Family Guy **10.40** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?
BBC FOUR
7.00 Tales of Television Centre **8.30** Hancock **9.00** Film: Mongol: The Rise to Power of Genghis Khan. (2008) Historical drama, starring Tadanobu Asano. **11.00** Timewatch: The Secret History of Genghis Khan **11.50** Barry Manilow at the BBC
E4
3.55 Glee **4.50** 90210 **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.40** Film: Take the Lead (2006) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.25** Made in Chelsea
FILM4
1.55 CutThroat Island (1995) **5.20** Nacho Libre (2006) **7.05** Monster-in-Law. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. **9.05** Men in Black. (1997) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.55** The Escapist. (2008) British jail-break thriller, starring Brian Cox.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Hands on Nature. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Top of the Pops 2 - Stripped. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 9.00 The Fall of Singapore: The Great Betrayal. 10.00 Sound of the 70s 2. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 The Lost World of the Seventies. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 SuperScrimps: Top 10 Money-Saving Tips. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.10 Film: One Million Years BC. (1966) Hammer prehistoric adventure, starring Reginald Kneebly. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents. 8.00 Beating the Recession - Cash vs Cards. Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Gok Cooks Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats. 11.55 4thout.vt. 12.00 Random Acts. (R) 12.05 The Hoarder Next Door. (R) 12.50 Film: Khaya Gatha. (1989) 2.50 Film: Faintheart. (2008) 4.15 Welcome to Glingari. (R) 4.20 Veronique. (R) 4.25 The Fishmonger. (R) 4.30 Smallville. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Hands on Nature. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 9.00 Great Ormond Street. 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 The Great Euro Crash with Robert Peston. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 10.30 BBC News. Weather. 11.00 Cash in the Attic. BBC News. Weather. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.30 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 1.00 BBC News. Weather. 1.30 Regional News. Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News. Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News. Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes. Weather. 7.00 The One Show. BBC News. Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Would I Lie to You? 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News. Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 The Matt Lucas Awards. (R) 12.05 EastEnders. 12.00 Weatherview. 2.05 Sign Zone: Silk. (R) 3.05 Question Time. (R) 4.00 Great British Menu. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Hands on Nature. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Top of the Pops 2 - Stripped. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 9.00 The Great British Story: A People's History. 10.00 Episodes. 10.00 Newsnight. 11.00 Weather. 11.05 Golf: The PGA Championship. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 Holland. 1.10 Taken. (R) 2.35 BBC News. 4.40 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News. Weather. 1.55 Regional News. Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News. Weather. 6.30 ITV News. Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Jimmy Tarbuck. 10.00 ITV News at Ten. Weather. 10.30 Regional News. Weather. 10.35 Soccer Aid 2012. 11.05 Film: Barb Wire. (1996) Sci-fi thriller, starring Pamela Anderson. 12.50 The Store. (R) News Headlines. 2.55 Film: The Four Musketeers. (1974) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Oliver Reed. 4.40 ITV News. 5.30 ITV News.

Channel 4 6.10 Sall Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 SuperScrimps: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 Film: The Devil at Four O'Clock. (1961) Adventure, starring Spencer Tracy. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. 9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats. 9.30 Very Important People. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.05 Stand Up for the Week. 11.50 Rhod Gilbert and the Award-Winning Mince Pie. (R) 12.55 4thout.vt. 1.00 Paralympic World Cup Highlights. 1.55 Random Acts. (R) 2.00 My Name is Earl. (R) 2.45 Dirty Sexy Money. (R) 4.10 Reasons to Be Cheerful: Halo Friend. (R) 4.25 Mischief: Daddy. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.45 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Thirst. (1998) Drama, starring Adam Arkin. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Cricket on 5. 5 News Update. 8.00 Mega Builders. 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Castle. Holiday-makers return to find a dead man in their home. 10.55 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Logan and Wheeler hunt an unlikely assassin. (R) 11.50 Inside Hollywood. (R) 12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 Wildlife SuperMundial. 4.20 Divine Designs. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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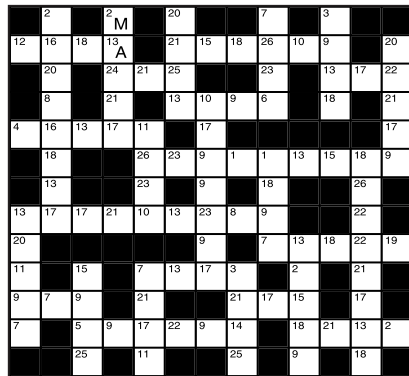
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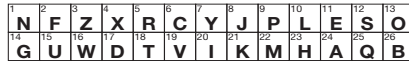
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Russian friends? (8)
5. How an engraver may make a good impression? (4)
9. They may come between players (4)
10. Possibly respects apparitions (8)
11. Game that many take to (5)
12. Sphere of vision (7)
13. The extent of a course, for what it's worth (2,3,2,2,4)
18. A capital fellow (8)
19. Backroom man? (4)
20. Depart later — in pursuit? (2,5)
21. Its obvious it's flat (5)
22. It's something to build on (4)
23. Guiding line about two similar points (8)

Down

2. One with a sour disposition, hard to bear (7)
3. The stone archaeologists treat so cryptically (7)
4. Make a speedy apology? (7,6)
6. Trouble with rent may come as a big blow (7)
7. Jostles sleuths about (7)
8. It indicates area, in a manner of speaking (6)
13. Maintains there's a bit of body in the beers (7)
14. Sweet and affectionate worker (7)
15. The rest of the layers depends on them (6)
16. One better (7)
17. Noise or disturbance can be weaving (7)

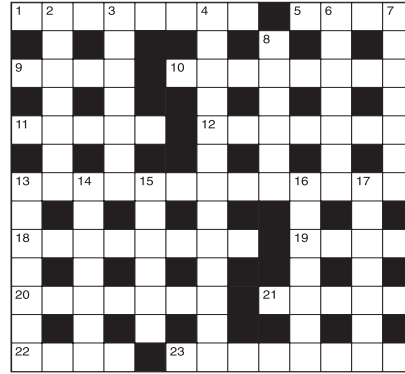
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Amaze (8)
5. Hastened (4)
9. Harbour (4)
10. Item of hosiery (8)
11. Concur (5)
12. Nourish (7)
13. Give the show away (5,3,5)
18. Categorise (8)
19. Jot (4)
20. Issue (7)
21. Arms or legs (5)
22. Look for (4)
23. Blushed (8)

Down

2. Temporary substitute (7)
3. Ingredient of porridge (7)
4. Avoid committing oneself (3,2,3,5)
6. Flower (7)
7. Stabbing weapons (7)
8. Sacred beetle (6)
13. Prosperity (7)
14. Fancy (7)
15. Girl (6)
16. Building (7)
17. Eminent (7)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Draper; 4 Patchy; 9 Presentiments; 10 Re-enter; 11 Theme; 12 Forms; 14 West; 18 Plain; 19 Worst; 21 Exercise-books; 22 Deeper; 23 Unison. Down: 1 Depart; 2 An eye for an eye; 3 Erect; 5 Ammeter; 6 Conversations; 7 Yes-men; 8 Start; 13 Manacle; 15 Spread; 16 Awash; 17 Edison; 20 Robin. QUICK - Across: 1 Breast; 4 Brutal; 9 Intellectuals; 10 Gladden; 11 Ensure; 12 False; 14 Start; 18 Coach; 19 Refusal; 21 Accommodating; 22 Ensure; 23 Planet. Down: 1 Bridge; 2 Extravagances; 3 Solid; 5 Retreat; 6 Transgression; 7 Lessen; 8 Meant; 13 Schemer; 15 Scrape; 16 Prior; 17 Slight; 20 Frail.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

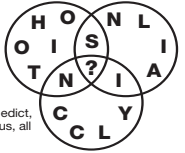
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is N. Benedict, Dominic, Ignatius, all saints.



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Although that figure was down by just over 100 units compared to the company's record April at the height of scrapage in 2010, the market share in April rose to 3.6 per cent – continuing a dramatic growth rate so far this year.

Total sales so far in 2012 reached

22,331, up from 18,311 in 2011.

And importantly for Kia's enormous investment in its Slovakian production facility, European-sourced vehicles in the year so far reached a new record proportion of 48.6 per cent of all Kia's sold in the UK.

This performance is an interesting facet to Kia's growth in the UK.

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In that first year of 2007 European vehicles represented almost 23 per cent of Kia's sales in the UK.

By the end of last year that proportion had risen to slightly over 46 per cent. Already this year European-built vehicles represent 48.6 per cent of Kia sales in the UK – and in April itself the proportion was even higher at 53.7 per cent.

Improvement

Michael Cole, managing director of Kia Motors (UK) Limited said: "Although the UK economy is not yet out of the woods, there are signs that growth may come back slowly, but steadily.

"Retail sales are holding up strongly

and business sales are also showing improvement.

"For Kia, our European-built product is continuing to prove remarkably successful with existing Cee'd, Venga and Sportage all playing their parts.

"When the all-new Cee'd arrives in June we expect the performance of our European-built models to go still higher.

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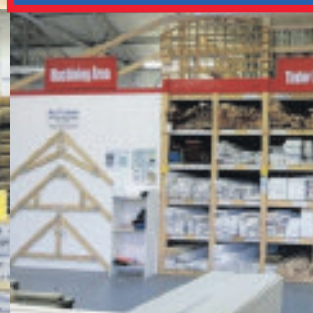
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Saturday										
Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
Netherton Ath	20	26	1	3	105	27	79			
Kings Heath	08	28	20	5	85	41	63			
Two Gates	30	19	4	7	90	47	61			
Dudley Villa	30	16	6	8	70	50	54			
Dudley Wd Ath	30	16	1	11	81	66	51			
Burleigh Oly	29	15	4	10	83	58	49			
Wyre Forest	29	15	4	10	72	53	49			
Birch Coppice	30	13	5	12	78	55	44			
Ardley Kings	30	11	8	11	63	51	41			
Lodgefield PK	30	11	7	12	59	63	40			
Kinver	30	11	6	13	67	80	39			
Claverley	30	11	3	16	68	85	36			
Orton Vale	30	7	4	19	46	101	25			
Oldswinford	30	7	2	21	38	89	22			
Claverley Colts	30	5	2	23	38	112	17			
Castellorall Rgrs	30	4	0	26	35	110	12			

New Wolves manager Stale Solbakken

Sunday										
Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
Woodside Utd	25	21	3	1	86	15	66			
Kingswinford	25	19	4	2	84	24	61			
Grange Ath	26	13	5	3	68	29	59			
Bromley	26	13	3	10	72	44	42			
Harriers Trust	26	13	3	10	61	51	42			
Horned	26	12	5	5	69	53	41			
Franchise	26	12	5	5	53	46	41			
Oakham Utd	26	11	4	11	53	48	37			
Wolverley Ath	26	10	5	11	46	65	35			
Worcester AFC	26	7	3	16	46	79	24			
Alveley Social	26	5	8	13	37	64	23			
Orton Vale	26	5	6	15	39	96	21			
New Olympic	26	4	6	16	35	50	18			
Dudley Spts	26	1	0	25	16	121	3			

Division One										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Phoenix Spts	24	19	2	3	78	24	59			
Haden Rgrs	24	19	2	3	63	24	59			
Station	24	13	5	6	57	38	44			
Caves	24	13	3	8	55	41	42			
Sporting Hagley	24	13	3	8	60	40	33			
Swan Bewdley	24	10	4	10	43	36	33			
Wilden Village	24	8	8	8	56	54	32			
Stour PA Rgrs	24	9	3	12	53	38	30			
Chaimwire	24	7	5	12	39	59	26			
Bull & Bladder	24	7	2	15	41	65	22			
Spartan Oak	24	5	4	15	38	63	19			
Way & Horses	24	5	3	16	41	76	18			
W H Spts	24	5	1	18	27	81	14			

Division Two										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Gornal Wood	22	20	2	0	124	26	62			
Snooks	24	17	4	3	72	21	55			
T S United	25	14	5	6	52	45	46			
Sbridge Rgrs	22	14	4	4	81	38	45			
Wall Heath	26	11	6	9	62	57	39			
New Inn Spts	25	11	3	11	74	73	36			
White Horse C	25	11	3	11	67	66	36			
Stour PA Rgrs	26	10	10	6	49	63	36			
Ardley Kings	25	9	4	12	46	60	31			
Claverley	24	8	5	11	47	59	29			
Alveley T House	26	8	3	15	47	90	27			
Kenford Eagles	26	5	6	15	41	70	21			
W H Spts	23	5	2	16	35	66	17			
Gigall	26	2	2	21	38	113	11			

Division Three										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Royal Exchange	23	20	2	0	116	21	62			
Dudley	26	18	4	4	99	41	58			
Darby End Ath	26	18	1	7	76	49	55			
Sbridge Ath	26	17	4	5	82	45	52			
Moyale	26	15	0	11	78	66	44			
Sporting Club	26	14	0	12	47	57	42			
Plough Dukes	25	11	9	5	57	49	38			
Bewdley Arch	26	9	5	12	72	60	32			
Rock Spts	26	9	2	15	48	73	29			
Arley	26	9	1	16	62	82	28			
Worcester Lions	26	7	4	15	59	82	26			
Woolston C	26	8	3	15	54	94	26			
Mostyn Rgrs	26	4	2	20	37	84	11			
H R's Spts Bar	26	2	2	22	26	127	8			

Division Four										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Nton Colls Sen	28	24	3	1	143	15	75			
Widymoor	28	20	2	6	92	45	62			
Pockets	27	14	6	5	78	41	50			
Lakeside Utd	27	14	6	7	57	49	48			
Labour in Vain	27	14	4	9	74	80	46			
Sbridge Gls W	28	13	1	11	66	81	45			
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Claverley Soc	28	7	4	18	48	83	25			
Clarks	28	5	6	17	40	73	21			
Vizi Bar	28	4	6	18	50	108	18			
Woolston Lions	28	4	2	20	54	100	18			

Division Five										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Tap House	28	25	1	2	108	35	76			
Ardley Kings R	28	18	7	3	57	24	61			
Brit Woolston	28	18	5	5	78	51	59			
Abberley Vale	28	16	4	8	74	45	52			
Queens Head	28	14	3	11	62	44	45			
Preston 2010	28	12	6	9	73	50	44			
Harriers Head	28	13	3	12	60	51	42			
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Forest Rgrs	28	3	2	23	18	172	11			
Forest Ex Res	28	1	4	23	33	81	7			

It's a gamble, concedes Morgan

by Tim Nash

WOLVES have unveiled little-known Norwegian Stale Solbakken as their new manager – with chairman Steve Morgan admitting the appointment is a gamble.

But Morgan has insisted the former Norway international will prove a hit in the Molineux hot-seat.

The multi-millionaire believes his choice, who won five Danish Superliga titles in six years at Copenhagen, is a risk that can pay off handsomely.

"It's always a gamble – of course it is, when you appoint any new manager – but we don't believe that just because he's not well known in

England, that it's a problem," said Morgan.

"He's a veteran of the Champions League, he has won lots of silverware as a player and as a manager, and of course he will have money to spend.

"It's only a brave appointment in the sense that Stale (pronounced Storler) is not well-known in the UK but he's a legend in Scandinavia and northern Europe and his record ranks up there with the best."

Morgan revealed Wolves had

interviewed only two candidates this time – Solbakken and outgoing boss Terry Connor.

Wolves are planning two back-room appointments under the new boss. They plan to have a European-style sporting director – called a "football development director" – and an assistant coach, expected to be Solbakken's long-term assistant Bård Wigen.

The football development director will be appointed by, and report to, chief executive Jez Moxey. The new role hasn't yet been clearly defined, but he will assist Solbakken.

Solbakken confirmed: "I trust the

guys already here but I want to add one or two new people. It's too early to say who I will bring."

Solbakken insists he is fit for duty – after challenging the media to a race.

The 44-year-old former midfielder was forced to retire from playing in 2001 when he had a cardiac arrest on the training pitch when he was at Copenhagen, similar to Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba in March.

He said: "For me it was a defect I had from birth. I haven't been troubled before, nor afterwards. If you want me to run with you, I will beat you 10 times out of 10."

Big innings leads to big winnings for Bewdley

Bewdley (24 pts) 168, Netherton (4 pts) 108.

Bewdley won by 60 runs

A BIG INNINGS from skipper Rob Combes saw Bewdley return to action with an ultimately comfortable victory over Netherton.

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Captain's knock

Big innings by skipper
takes Bewdley to win

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Depleted team no drawback to Cooks

DESPITE having six first XI players unavailable, Cookley CC's impressive start to the season continued with both sides winning and consolidating their positions at the top of their respective divisions in the Worcestershire county league.

Cookley (24pts) 189, Stourbridge Social (4pts) 130. Cookley won by 59 runs

Cookley 1sts had Mark Bennett to thank for a brilliant 110, well over half their total of 189 against Stourbridge Social.

Skipper Gary Mills then struck for a superb 5-28 with good support from Ben Quinlan who took 3-21 as Social were dismissed for 130.

Bromyard (3pts) 155-5, Cookley (20pts) 159-5. Cookley won by five wickets.

Tight bowling kept Bromyard's run rate down after Cookley seconds skipper Simon Anderson won the toss and invited the visitors to bat. Bromley posted a modest 155 – but it nearly proved enough.

In reply Cookley chairman Phil Dixon – dragged out of retirement – top-scored with 52 and Lee Shewry added a stylish 49 as the seconds just got to their target with three balls to spare.

Football results and fixtures

Kidderminster & District Saturday results

Premier Division: Birch Coppice 2 Two Gates 4; Netherton Ath 6 Dudley Wid Ath 1.

Saturday Senior Cup Final: Areyley Kings 2 Burish Olympic 2 (aet, pens 3-5).

Sunday results

Premier Division: Grange Ath 3 Dudley Spts 0; Dudley Spts 0 Grange Ath 5; New Olympic 1 Bromley 6; Orion Vale 4 Oakham Utd 1.

Division 1: Phoenix Spts 4 Wagon & Horses 0; Wagon & Horses 0 Phoenix Spts 3; Sporting Oak 1 Bull & Bladder 4; Stour Park Rgrs 4 WH Sports 2; Swan Bewdley 2 Station 4.

Division 2: Cally 0 Chaddesley Corbett 6.

Division 3: Plough Dukes 4 H R's Sports Bar 0; Sporting Club 1 Areyley 0; Stourbridge Ath 1 Dudley 1; Dudley 2 Stourbridge Ath 0; Wollaston Celtic 2 Darby End Ath 4.

Division 4: Labour in Vain 1 Female 0; Netherton Colts Sen 5 Vizi Bar 0; Wyre Forest Harriers 0 Netherton Colts Sen 3; Pockets 1 Withymoor 0; Withymoor 2 Pockets 0.

Division 5: Abbeyley Vale 3 Queens Head 2; Areyley Kings Res 2 Preston 2010 2; Harriers Arms 2 The Brit Wollaston 1.

League Fire Shield final: Gornal Wood 5 Stourbridge Rgrs 3 (aet).

Sunday fixture

Division 2: Stourbridge Rgrs v Snooks.

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Harriers winger wants to do the 'right' thing

by Craig Birch

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers wide-man Marvin Johnson wants to become the team's wing wonder on the right-hand side as he looks to change flanks.

Johnson has been used on the left since arriving from part-timers Romulus in February and impressed to the point of an England C call-up.

The 21-year-old has been named in an 18-man squad for the national semi-professional side's Mission to Moscow on June 5, where they will face Russia.

But, after that game in Group A of the International Challenge Trophy at Dynamo Moscow's Khimki Arena, he wants boss

Steve Burr to do the 'right' thing.

The Birmingham-based flanker netted 18 times last season in that position before his switch to Aggborough, where he awaits his first goal after 12 appearances.

He said: "I am going to speak to the gaffer and, hopefully, get more time on the right."

"I prefer to play there. I can cut inside and get shots off and I can cross with my right foot. I just can't shoot as well!"

"That's where I feel my all-round game is better and be more of a threat."

"That said, on the left, I can still link up

with people and put balls into the box."

Meanwhile, Harriers midfielder Kyle Storer today welcomed Nuneaton Borough into the Blue Square Premier after his former club were promoted.

Boro went up from the Blue Square North with a 1-0 win over Gainsborough Trinity on Sunday to return to non-league's top flight for the first time since 1987.

Storer left Liberty Way with Harriers paying an undisclosed fee to bring the 25-year-old into the full-game last July on a two-year contract.

A successful step up in divisions saw Storer make 40 appearances for Harriers in

his first season and he's backing his old employers to up their game and adapt to the standard, after coming through the playoffs at the second attempt.

He said: "I couldn't have been more pleased for them last weekend, I am over the moon for them."

"On the whole, they have been very unlucky over the last two seasons, but they have regrouped and bounced back well."

"There are plenty of similarities between Kidderminster and Nuneaton, because both like to do things the hard way!"

"It shows what character they have there and they fully deserve it."

Captain's 50 keeps run intact

Stourport 217-7, Enville 128.

STOURPORT survived being put in on a damp wicket to continue their 100 per cent record and stay top of the Worcestershire county league's second division.

Stourport lost the toss and were put in, but reached a competitive total of 217-7 off their 50 overs.

They had good contributions from Bevan Neill (57), skipper Craig Siwicki (50) and Chris Parry (36).

Stourport got off to a flyer by reducing Enville to 60-6 after 17 overs.

They then turned the screw and eventually bowled them out for 128 in the 43rd over.

Lee Waldron took three wickets and there were two apiece for Siwicki, Andy Platt and Steve Yarsley.

Stourport 224-9, Enville 182-6.

Draw

Half-centuries for Mike Pratt (56) and Phil Williams (52) gave Stourport seconds the better of the play against Enville.

Dave Cook chipped in with 33 and Sam Hayes 30.

Adam Selleck, Mark Guest and Will Downes all took a couple of wickets, but Enville held on for the draw.

Woffinden hurt in track smash

WOLVES face a speedway injury headache after Tai Woffinden broke the scaphoid bone in his right wrist.

The Parrys International Wolves star was brought down during the Gary Peterson Memorial event at Monmore Green on Monday.

The injury was confirmed the following day as a break and Woffinden will be out for several weeks.

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Wolverhampton (24pts) 167-4, Kidderminster Victoria (2pts) 138. Wolverhampton won by 29 runs

IT was a case of so near, but so far as Kidderminster Victoria narrowly failed to come away from Wolverhampton with victory.

Having won the toss and invited the home side to bat, Kidderminster made a wonderful start in taking the first two wickets for only nine runs, writes Brian Gittins.

Gareth Williams struck a double blow, removing opener Aaron Jeavons lbw for two and having Vitish Tepathi caught and bowled for a duck in the same over.

Wolverhampton scored just 42 runs in the first 16 overs, with Williams and Richard Kimberlin conceding just 25 and 15 runs respectively plus a couple of extras.

But from then on, Wolverhampton batted steadily, with Karl Quinney and Danny Bowyer taking the total up to 105 by the 37th over before Quinney was bowled by Neil Pinner for 47. His innings lasted just under two hours and he hit three fours.

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The score had reached 131 when Pinner claimed a second wicket, dismissing Simon Lycett caught and bowled for 11.

Some good bowling kept the home side in check, and at the close they had reached 167.

Alex Grant was not out on 13, but Bowyer had made the major contribution with a score of 87.

He batted for two and three-quarter hours, striking five fours.

KVCC's bowlers had performed well, and without Bowyer the result might have been different.

Gareth Williams had 2-39

Kidderminster Victoria CC

from his 10 overs, with Kimberlin conceding just 15 from his eight.

Mark Mansell bowled three overs for 12 runs, but it was the 17 overs apiece from skipper Jonathan Wright and Neil Pinner that kept the score down.

Wright bowled 17 overs for 49 runs, while Pinner's 17 cost 46 runs for his two wickets.

KVCC opened their innings with a new partnership, the cousins Andy and Richard Kimberlin.

But it lasted only one over before Richard was caught by Quinney off Lycett for four.

Kidderminster's batsmen found it hard work, seemingly becoming set only to make no further progress.

Chris Russell did a lot of damage despite bowling too many no-balls. He finished with 5-35 off 15 overs.

Kidderminster lost wickets at 6, 47, 56, two at 74, 76, two on 125, 136 and 138.

Andy Kimberlin scored 22, Neil Pinner 13, Ben Cox 26, Zac Turley 23, Connor Smith 23, Ryan Derrick five and Gareth Williams one not out. On Saturday KVCC travel to Brockhampton.

Quest for rugby honours follows laser tag game



Kidderminster Carolians under-eights celebrate after winning the 2012 Abergavenny tournament

YOUNG rugby players from Kidderminster Carolians were on target to lift the Abergavenny tournament – after training with laser tag.

The side, which completed their regular season unbeaten, had been scheduled to take part in Europe's largest rugby festival in Usk.

But the event was cancelled as the campsite was under several feet of water.

Coaching staff organised a laser tag contest for Saturday as a consolation and also found a pitch for a game the

following day. But Abergavenny RFC then contacted the club to say that teams in south Wales had stepped in to stage parts of the festival on their own grounds and a place was available.

Head coach Charlie McCarthy said: "We thought that we may struggle to get a squad together, but within minutes of contacting the players it was clear that we would have a team."

"We stuck with laser tag on Saturday which may be seen as a little unusual as preparation for a rugby tournament but it seems to have worked!"

KCs' opening game saw their opponents Hucklecote snatch a 3-3 draw with the last play of the game.

Shortly after, the team had the chance of a close look at the Six Nations Trophy which was at the ground – and they went on to win their next five games to set up a final against Lymm. KCs produced some of their best rugby of the season to win 3-1 and lift the trophy.

Team manager Phil Rees is on the lookout for new players. Call him on 07986 495195.

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